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Sexual Assault Suspect Wanted by the San Diego Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit

Release Date: December 22, 2006

San Diego County Crime Stoppers, working with the San Diego Police Department's Sex Crimes Unit, is seeking the public's assistance to locate a suspect wanted for sexual assault.

Detectives said a warrant has been issued by the San Diego County Superior Court charging Byron Dwayne Hightower with felony sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl. Hightower is believed to be in either San Diego County or in the Huntsville, Texas area.

Hightower is a 27-year-old African-American male. He's 5'11" tall, 145 lbs. with black hair and brown eyes. A picture of Hightower is attached to this release.

Anyone with information on the location of this suspect is asked to call the **Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-TIPS**. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to the arrest of Hightower. Collect calls are accepted and callers may remain anonymous.

Media inquiries should be directed to:

Questions regarding the investigation should be directed to Mónica Muñoz at (619) 531-2675.

Questions regarding Crime Stoppers should be directed to Officer Jim Johnson at (619) 531-1500 or Deputy Adriana Uribe at (619) 531-1547.

For information leading to an arrest, you could receive up to a \$1,000 reward and remain anonymous. The qualification of any person(s) for the reward and the amount of the reward for any person(s) so qualifying will be determined by San Diego County Crime Stoppers, Inc. in its sole discretion. The amount of all rewards given shall not exceed \$1,000. Information must be received on the tip line, (888) 580-TIPS.

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